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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD RECEIVE RELIGIOUS DELEGATION DESCRIBED PHNOM PENH REFTEL. ACCEPTABILITY OF LATER POLITICAL DELEGATION, HOWEVER, MIGHT DEPEND ON PUBLICITY WHICH MAY DEVELOP ABOUT GKR EFFORTS TO SWING NON-ALIGNED VOTES.

2. ONE MAJOR GOT CONCERN TO ITS RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA.

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ESPECIALLY NOW, IN WAKE DEMONSTRATED ALGERIAN ALARM

AT NOTION OF NOW ABORTED UNION BETWEEN TUNISIA AND LIBYA,
TUNISIANS ARE ANXIOUS AVOID OFFENDING NEIGHBORS TO WEST.

3. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL TUNISIA WAS "ABSENT" AT UNGA
VOTE DECEMBER 5, 1973 ON GKR DELEGATION CREDENTIALS,
DESPITE SEVERAL EMBASSY DEMARCHE. FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER MASMOUDI, WHO WAS MORE INCLINED TO SIDE WITH
NON-ALIGNED BLOC THAN PRES BOURGUIBA HIMSELF
LEFT OFFICE JANUARY 14. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE GOT WILL
STILL WANT TO FOLLOW ALGERIAN LINE. ACCORDINGLY,
ABSTENTION BY GOT REPL IS PROBABLY BEST WE CAN HOPE
FOR WHEN GRUNK COMES UP AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND EVEN THAT MAY BE UNCERTAIN.

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